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Applicant(s): Patricia A. Billing Medel et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Patricia A. Billing-Medel et al., for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASE OF THE BREAST, the specification of which was filed on July 7, 1998 and received Serial No. 09/110,720.

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Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. Billing-Medel et al.

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In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of February 3, 1999, Applicants respectfully elect Group II (i.e., claims 11-14, 33, 34, 38 and 39), with traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted, Cohen et al.

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